

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Council Meeting		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	11th December 2025 7pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Town Hall Manager – Mark Worthington		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	11.1 Grand Hall Interactive Screen		
Background	<p>Officers have applied for the Enabling Communities Grant Programme 2025, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and UK Rural England Prosperity Fund. Funding will be awarded to projects which demonstrate investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities. To apply for this fund, applicants must be a voluntary or community organisation, local council, registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation, including community faith sector organisations, community groups and community buildings operating within Cheshire East. Funds available are £100,000 with a maximum application amount of £7,000.</p>		
Update	<p>The Cheshire East Grants team contacted Officers at the end of September to inform us that, following a thorough review by the assessment panel, our application was not successful on this occasion. However, CE Grants acknowledged that the project was eligible and showed potential to contribute positively to improving our community facility and digital inclusion; therefore, CE Grants strongly encourage Officers to reapply for this grant funding opportunity. Officers have reapplied for the Enabling Communities Grant Programme funding to purchase the iiyama 98" Touch Screen if the grant application is successful. Applications closed on 10th October with no date given for notification of a successful application.</p> <p>At the meeting of THAS Committee on 6th November 2025, THAS/31/2526 resolved to continue to receive updates on the grant application; however, if the grant application is not successful THAS Committee to recommend the purchase of the iiyama 98" PureTouch interactive screen to the Finance & Policy Committee and Council for £5,857.50.</p> <p>As this was initially a grant application, three quotes were not sourced, as only the equipment cost was required. These costs were researched</p>		

	<p>in July 2025 using a local supplier who has previously supplied CTC with two interactive screens.</p> <p>If the grant is unsuccessful, all Capital expenditure over £3,000 must be approved by Council; therefore, 2 other quotes will be obtained for the same screen and specifications, which will align with our Financial Regulations requirements.</p> <p>The expenditure for this item will either need to be budgeted for in the 2026-2027 budget setting or covered by the Capital Contingency Ear Mark Reserves.</p>
Financial	To be in accordance with allocated budgets and financial regulations
Environmental	To assess via the procurement process, the environmental impact and benefits.
Equality	Where applicable in the procurement of services, this is taken into consideration
Decision Request	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On receiving confirmation from Cheshire East of an unsuccessful grant application, and on receipt of three like-for-like quotes, to agree the purchase of the iiyama 98" PureTouch interactive screen and stand at a maximum cost of £5,857.50. 2. To approve the expenditure option for this item, Option 1 via a set budget in 2026-2027 or Option 2 via Capital Contingency Earmarked Reserve.